

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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In April and May, the Board approved a series of motions to implement the Governor's Executive Order in response to the statewide drought emergency, notifying our Waterworks Districts' customers of the mandatory water reduction requirements, and directing the CEO and County departments to provide the Board with reports on the County's progress toward conserving potable water. The August 11, 2015 and September 11, 2015 reports from the Internal Services Department (ISD) and Department of Public Works (DPW) indicate that, while our County departments are still in the process of incorporating water conservation best management practices, landscape measures, plumbing fixture changes, cooling tower measures, and behavioral adjustments, more can be done as a County family toward reducing our water consumption by 25 percent.

During this time of severe drought, we are adjusting to a "new normal" with less potable water available for our daily use, and the County must demonstrate leadership by increasing our water conservation efforts in sensible ways. This includes building

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upon the foundation created eight years ago by the County's Office of Water Recycling, whose local and regional leadership efforts must be revived with a renewed focus on working collaboratively and quickly to expand the availability and use of recycled water and gray water systems in order to reduce our reliance on potable water. Los Angeles County is a major driver of change with respect to recycled water and water reuse, and the County should investigate extending these important infrastructure systems in order to supply non-potable water to County facilities, landscaped medians, and parkways, to ensure that our numerous green spaces, with many trees, plants and flowers, and their important ecosystems do not die.

The ISD/DPW report recommendations should be adjusted to have Item 1-a held for 90 days, to be considered after a report is presented to the Board on the updated status of the County's implementation of the Office of Water Recycling's January 30, 2007 and February 3, 2009 reports to the Board on Recycled Water policy and Board approved projects and priorities. The remainder of the report's recommendations should move forward.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve report recommendations 1-b, 2, 3, and 4, from the ISD/DPW updated report dated September 11, 2015, and have report recommendation 1-a ("fade to gold" policy) held for at least 90 days, to be considered after a report is presented to the Board on the updated status of the County's Water Recycling program and priorities from the Office of Water Recycling.

2. Instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and the Directors of Public Works (DPW), Internal Services Department (ISD), Regional Planning (DRP), Public Health, and Parks and Recreation (DPR) to report back in 90 days on the following:

A) An updated status on the Office of Water Recycling within the Department of Public Works, and the County's progress toward implementing the policies, projects, and priorities established by the Board and identified in the reports from the County Water Recycling Task Force and County Office of Water Recycling, dated January 30, 2007 and February 2, 2009, with recommendations to improve the effectiveness and delivery of recycled water infrastructure to meet countywide needs, including a report on how recycled water may be delivered by implementing or enhancing irrigation systems or by trucking recycled water to County landscaped medians, parkways, and Landscape Maintenance Districts, to maintain the health of trees, plants, flowers, to support important ecosystems.

B) A Recycled Water action plan, developed in collaboration with the County Sustainability Council, with updated cost estimates and timelines for implementation.

I, FURTHER, MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors:

3. Instruct the Directors of DPW and DRP to develop an implementation program for streamlining the review and approvals process for residential graywater systems, with

development of an information pamphlet to consumers interested in implementing such systems at their residences, with a report back to the Board in 120 days.

4. Instruct each County department to report to ISD and CEO Budget the following information according to the delivery schedule identified by ISD: Identify the FY 2013-14 baseline water usage for each department by County facility as compared to estimated/actual water usage for the comparable periods in FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16, with an assessment of each department's progress toward an overall 25 percent countywide water conservation goal, with the report due to the Board in one year.

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